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Mosquitoes have been a conspicuous component of aquatic habitats for thousands, perhaps millions of years, but only relatively recently have man and these mosquitoes come into close contact. Since female mosquitoes are blood-feeders, their presence in large numbers can exert a significant influence on the health and comfort of humans and animals. Heavily mosquito-infested areas often suffer the consequences by having above average numbers of arthropod-borne diseases such as encephalitis and dog heartworm, lower property values and an overall lower quality of life for the residents of these areas.

The protection of people from the annoyance and diseases of these mosquitoes is a chronic and unavoidable problem. As human populations expand and urban growth continues, more and more people will come in close proximity to natural and man-made mosquito habitat. This is especially true in the "Triview Metropolitan District (TMD)" suburbia where new residential communities are rapidly expanding into areas of natural aquatic habitats, and man-made water retention basins. Left unmanaged, these aquatic environs will produce seasonally unbearable numbers of pest mosquitoes.

TMD has recognized the futility of dealing with mosquito problems in that their seasonal nature is serious enough to warrant some type of action. The proposed Triview Metropolitan Mosquito Management Program is designed to control infestations on public enpondments as feasibly possible. TMD will control the potential problem by requiring all improvements within the District to adequately drain and not create opportunities for water to pond and stagnate. The District will rely on volunteer reporting of nuisance situations and will require violators to correct the problem.

All development within the District will comply with the Mosquito Control Guidelines as established by the Colorado and El Paso County Health Departments.

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